

Lake Delhi

Public Access Plan

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The Lake Delhi Community

Lake Delhi is located in the center of the largest Cities in Eastern Iowa. Given this proximity and the fact that over 700,000 Iowans live within a 60 Mile radius of Lake Delhi, Public access is critical to Lake Delhi and the surrounding communities because of the positive economic impact it has on the region when access is maximized. The Lake Delhi and surrounding area's offer a wide variety of recreation, employment and social opportunities to citizens and visitors to enjoy. We welcome our seasonal residents and guests while continuing to have hundreds of fulltime residents stay and enjoy this eastern Iowa treasure year round.

Public Access and Marketing Overview

Lake Delhi has multiple access points and recreational facilities in and around the Public Lake and we continue to aggressively look at ways to enhance and market them. Activities available to the public include boating, fishing, swimming, dining, shopping, snowmobiling, and other park and lake recreational interests.

The Lake Delhi Community, Delaware County, the City of Delhi, Manchester, and multiple other surrounding communities heavily market Lake Delhi as a Recreational facility for all to come and enjoy.

The Lake Delhi Community is home to multiple Public Access Amenities:

- Two Full-Service Public Campground Parks (totaling 305 Acres with many campsites, multiple picnic shelters, and multiple playgrounds), both with significant Lake Delhi water frontage and public boat ramps
- Three Public Boat Ramps on Lake Delhi, two of these having docking facilities
- Three Local full service Marina's to service the needs of boaters and visitors
- Two large public beaches with portage facilities
- Lake Delhi provides unique public recreation for both 'river' and 'lake' creation. This spans from waterskiing, jet skiing, tubing, pontoon boating, kayaking, canoeing, warm and cold weather fishing, Snowmobiling and other ATV activities, not to mention ground recreation appealing to naturalists, birding, etc.
- Multiple retail establishments, Bars, convenience stores, and Restaurants surround the Lake Delhi Community
- County Nature Center and Public Golf Course conveniently located minutes away
- Cabin Rentals on the Lake available to the public
- Groomed Snowmobile Trails connect to Lake Delhi.

Opportunities for Improvement of Public Access

Areas targeted for improvement include:

- Education: Lake Delhi is known by many in eastern Iowa and we see improvement opportunities to market Lake Delhi in multiple publically available forums and publications to increase public awareness.
- We are currently engaged with the Delaware County Conservation Board and the County Supervisors to discuss plans to provide additional public amenities that may include: boat ramps, campgrounds, public shelters, and additional parking. In addition, our discussions continue to include increasing the amount of signage in and around Lake Delhi to create more public awareness of this Eastern Iowa attraction.

Summary

The Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Quality District is committed to continue its pursuit for greater public access now and in the future. Our commitment is to continue to make Lake Delhi a premier Eastern Iowa attraction for all to enjoy.

Should you have any questions on this plan, please contact the Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Quality Taxing District Trustee's at trustees@lakedelhi.org.

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